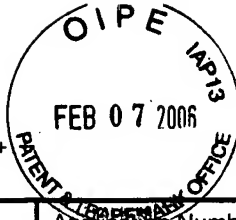


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Inventor(s)	Lukas Trosman et al.
Group Art Unit	3641
Examiner Name	Harvey E. Behrend
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☐ Fee Transmittal Form

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☐ Terminal Disclaimer

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2005, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on **page 2** of this paper;

Remarks begin on **page 5** of this paper.

	Claims remaining after Amendment		Highest number previously paid for		Present extra
Total	9	-	20	=	0
Independent	3	-	3	=	0